

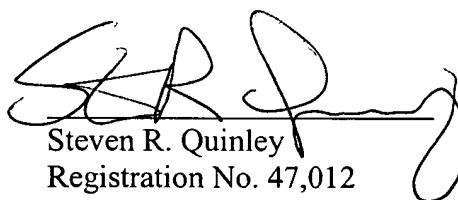
Remarks

The present amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed on October 06, 2005. The Official Action rejected claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(3) as being anticipated by Daniels U.S. Patent 6,904,248 ("Daniels"). Claims 2 and 5-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9-15 were allowed.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been canceled without prejudice to the prosecution of these claims in a continuing application, thus obviating the need for Applicants to take a position on the Examiner's rejection or analysis in the present response. Claims 2, 5 and 6 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, with claims 7 and 8 depending from claim 6.

All of the pending claims appearing to be in order for allowance, prompt allowance of the present application is requested. Any questions regarding this application may be raised by telephone with the undersigned if it is considered that processing of this application will be expedited thereby.

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